

Present Simple: Positive and Negative (Regular Verbs)

A1 English Worksheet – Lesson 3: Saying What People Do and Don't Do

Language Focus

We use the present simple to talk about everyday actions, habits, and routines - and to say what people don't do too.

Positive: I / you / we / they + base form

I work in a shop. They live in Paris.

Positive: he / she / it + verb + s

He works in a shop. She lives in Paris.

Negative: I / you / we / they + don't + base form

I don't work on Sundays. They don't live here.

Negative: he / she / it + doesn't + base form

He doesn't work on Sundays. She doesn't live here.

Remember: after don't or doesn't, the verb is always in its base form - never add -s! She doesn't work, NOT she doesn't works.

Listening: Max and Leo

Context: two different brothers

Listen to your teacher read this aloud, or read it yourself. Then complete Exercise 1.

Max and Leo live in the same house, but they enjoy very different things.

Max likes sports.

He plays football every weekend.

He doesn't like reading books.

Leo loves books.

He reads every night.

He doesn't play any sports.

Max eats meat every day.

Leo doesn't eat meat - he only eats vegetables.

They don't agree about music either.

Max listens to rock music, but Leo doesn't like rock music at all.

He prefers classical music.

1. True or False

Context: Max and Leo (from the listening)

1. Max likes sports. True / False
2. Max likes reading books. True / False
3. Leo plays football every weekend. True / False
4. Leo doesn't eat meat. True / False
5. Leo likes rock music. True / False

2. Multiple Choice

Context: a fussy eater

1. Tom ___ pizza very much.
like / likes
2. He ___ vegetables.
doesn't like / don't like
3. His sisters ___ fruit every day.
eat / eats
4. They ___ fast food.
doesn't eat / don't eat
5. Tom's mother ___ dinner every evening.
cook / cooks
6. She ___ breakfast on weekdays.
doesn't cook / don't cook

3. Matching

Context: what they do and don't do

Draw a line to match each person to the correct action.

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| 1. A doctor | <i>makes bread and cakes.</i> |
| 2. A nurse | <i>doesn't work in a hospital.</i> |
| 3. A waiter | <i>helps sick people.</i> |
| 4. A pilot | <i>serves food in a restaurant.</i> |
| 5. A baker | <i>doesn't fly planes.</i> |

4. Gap Fill

Context: my sister and me

Complete the paragraph with the correct positive or negative form of the verb in brackets.

My sister and I are very different. I _____ (like) sports, but she _____ (not like) them at all. She _____ (prefer) reading. I _____ (not read) very much. We both _____ (enjoy) music though!

5. Positive or Negative?

Context: true facts about animals

Change each sentence as instructed. Circle the correct new sentence.

1. Spiders build webs. (Make it negative)
(a) Spiders don't builds webs. (b) Spiders don't build webs.
2. A cat drinks milk. (Make it negative)
(a) A cat doesn't drinks milk. (b) A cat doesn't drink milk.
3. Birds don't swim. (Make it positive)
(a) Birds swim. (b) Birds swims.
4. A fish doesn't walk. (Make it positive)
(a) A fish walk. (b) A fish walks.
5. Bees make honey. (Make it negative)
(a) Bees don't make honey. (b) Bees doesn't make honey.
6. A snake doesn't fly. (Make it positive)
(a) A snake flies. (b) A snake fly.

6. Word Order

Context: a busy weekend

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. don't / We / work / on / Saturdays.
2. doesn't / She / clean / the / house / on / Sundays.
3. relax / They / at / home.
4. doesn't / He / cook / dinner / on / weekends.
5. walk / I / in / the / park / every / weekend.

7. Right or Wrong?

Context: classroom mistakes

Is the sentence right or wrong? Circle your answer. If it's wrong, write the correct verb.

1. She doesn't likes coffee. Right / Wrong: _____
2. They don't watch much TV. Right / Wrong: _____
3. He doesn't plays tennis. Right / Wrong: _____
4. We don't live in Paris. Right / Wrong: _____
5. It doesn't rains much here. Right / Wrong: _____

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A1 Teacher Answer Key – Lesson 3

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1. True or False - Answers

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| 1. Max likes sports. | True |
| 2. Max likes reading books. | False |
| 3. Leo plays football every weekend. | False |
| 4. Leo doesn't eat meat. | True |
| 5. Leo likes rock music. | False |

2. Multiple Choice - Answers

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| 1. Tom ___ pizza very much. | likes |
| 2. He ___ vegetables. | doesn't like |
| 3. His sisters ___ fruit every day. | eat |
| 4. They ___ fast food. | don't eat |
| 5. Tom's mother ___ dinner every evening. | cooks |
| 6. She ___ breakfast on weekdays. | doesn't cook |

3. Matching - Answers

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| 1. A doctor | helps sick people. |
| 2. A nurse | doesn't fly planes. |
| 3. A waiter | serves food in a restaurant. |
| 4. A pilot | doesn't work in a hospital. |
| 5. A baker | makes bread and cakes. |

4. Gap Fill - Answers (in order)

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| 1. Blank 1 | like |
| 2. Blank 2 | doesn't like |
| 3. Blank 3 | prefers |
| 4. Blank 4 | don't read |
| 5. Blank 5 | enjoy |

5. Positive or Negative? - Answers

1. Spiders build webs. (Make it negative)
2. A cat drinks milk. (Make it negative)
3. Birds don't swim. (Make it positive)
4. A fish doesn't walk. (Make it positive)
5. Bees make honey. (Make it negative)
6. A snake doesn't fly. (Make it positive)

Spiders don't build webs.

A cat doesn't drink milk.

Birds swim.

A fish walks.

Bees don't make honey.

A snake flies.

6. Word Order - Answers

1. We don't work on Saturdays.
2. She doesn't clean the house on Sundays.
3. They relax at home.
4. He doesn't cook dinner on weekends.
5. I walk in the park every weekend.

7. Right or Wrong? - Answers

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| 1. She doesn't likes coffee. | Wrong - doesn't like |
| 2. They don't watch much TV. | Right |
| 3. He doesn't plays tennis. | Wrong - doesn't play |
| 4. We don't live in Paris. | Right |
| 5. It doesn't rains much here. | Wrong - doesn't rain |